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SUBJECT: U.S. SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN LATIN AMERICA

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1. DESPITE U.S. CONDITIONING OF U.S. SECURITY ASSISTANCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE AND PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT SIGNATURE OF THE FY 77 FMS CREDIT AGREEMENT OF DOLS 2.5 MILLION WAS BEING SUSPENDED, IT IS OUR VIEW, AND MILGP CONCURS, THAT THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO RENOUNCE ANY PART OF THE PROGRAM.

2. THE FY 77 AND 78 IMETP PROBABLY WILL CONTINUE TO BE UTILIZED AT THE LEVEL OF DOLS 600,000 ANNUALLY. THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN CONTRIBUTING TO THIS EFFORT IN FY 77 BY PAYING ALL TRANSPORTATION AND LIVING ALLOWANCE COSTS, LEAVING THE IMETP ENTIRELY FOR TUITION COSTS.

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3. DURING FY77 AND 78, THE GUARDIA NACIONAL INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO PURCHASE BETWEEN DOLS 500,000 AND DOLS 1,000,000 IN FMS CASH PURCHASES. THESE PURCHASES CONSIST OF REPAIR PARTS, C-RATIONS, CLOTHING AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT (I.E., HAMMOCKS, WEB GEAR, ETC.). OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS AND SECONDARY ITEM PURCHASES FOR U.S. EQUIPMENT IN COUNTRY WILL CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE TO BE PAID FOR VIA

FMS CASH PURCHASES AT APPROXIMATELY DOLS 75 THOUSAND ANNUALLY.

4. THE FY77 CREDIT (DOLS 2.5 MILLION) WILL BE USED FOR TWO FMS SALES CASES, SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION, WHICH ARE SIGNED AND NOW AWAITING STATE DEPARTMENT RELEASE OF CREDIT. THE GN HAS BEGUN A MODERNIZATION PROGRAM OF THEIR PRE-WW II EQUIPMENT WHICH INCLUDES WEAPONS, AIRCRAFT, RADAR, VEHICLES AND COMMANDO V-150 TYPE ARMORED CARS. IN THEIR MODERNIZATION PLANNING FOR FY78 AND THE FUTURE, THEY WILL RELY ON ANTICIPATED DOLS 2.5 MILLION FMS CREDIT AS A MEANS TO HELP FINANCE THIS PROGRAM.
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